

1 _____ RESOLUTION NO. _____

2 INTRODUCED BY _____

3 (Primary Sponsor)

4 A RESOLUTION OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA SUPPORTING
5 THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE KEYSTONE XL PIPELINE.

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7 WHEREAS, the State of Montana, counties, and school districts would have benefited substantially by
8 an increase in the property tax base if the Keystone XL Pipeline were approved and completed; and

9 WHEREAS, the Certificate of Compliance granted by the Department of Environmental Quality in 2012
10 for the Keystone XL Pipeline states that "the Project will generate long-term property tax revenues for the
11 counties traversed by the pipeline that will last for the life of the Project. The Project will generate approximately
12 \$63 million in annual property tax revenues in Montana"; and

13 WHEREAS, the selected location of the pipeline through the state and the conditions imposed by the
14 Certificate of Compliance granted by the Department of Environmental Quality minimize adverse impacts on the
15 environment, landowners, and affected communities; and

16 WHEREAS, the destruction of private jobs and capital as a result of the executive order to halt the
17 construction of the Keystone XL Pipeline is a taking based on the 5th and 14th amendments to the United
18 States Constitution; and

19 WHEREAS, given the shortage of power recently experienced in Eastern Montana and the central and
20 southern plains, the state should encourage every source of power, including fossil fuels carried by the
21 Keystone XL Pipeline; and

22 WHEREAS, Montana's Congressional Delegation supports the approval of the pipeline; and

23 WHEREAS, Montana's Governor Greg Gianforte supports approval of the pipeline.

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25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF
26 MONTANA:

27 That the 68th Legislature urge prompt congressional and presidential approval of the Keystone XL
28 pipeline.

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